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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A therapeutic appliance for treating dissecting aortic aneurysms, said appliance comprising:

a stretchable bag-like element provided on and along an end portion of a catheter, said stretchable bag-like element having
5 an inside film and an outside film which are partially and directly joined at a plurality of linear joined portions that are parallel to an axis of the catheter;

wherein said bag-like element is shaped as a flat film when not holding a fluid inside and is shaped as a tube when holding a
10 fluid inside; and

wherein the linear joined portions do not extend to a front edge and a rear edge of the bag-like element.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A therapeutic appliance for treating dissecting aortic aneurysms, said appliance comprising:

a stretchable bag-like element provided on and along an end portion of a catheter, said bag-like element being substantially
5 rectangular and comprising an inside film and an outside film which are partially and directly joined at a plurality of

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linear joined portions that are parallel to an axis of the catheter;

10 wherein said bag-like element is shaped as a flattened film when not holding a fluid inside and is shaped as a flat plate when holding fluid in a free load state; and

wherein the linear joined portions do not extend to a front edge and a rear edge of the bag-like element.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 3, wherein a spring material is provided perpendicular to an axis of the catheter and applies force to at least a front edge and a rear edge of the bag-like element so as to wrap the bag-like around the catheter in the free load state.

6. (Previously Presented) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 1, further comprising an additional film on an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said additional film defines a space between the additional film and the outside film for holding fluid therein.

7. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 4 3, wherein a spring material is provided perpendicular

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to the axis of the catheter and applies force to at least the front edge and the rear edge of the bag-like element so as to wrap the bag-like element around the catheter when the bag-like element is not filled with fluid.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 3, further comprising an additional film on an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said additional film defines a space between the additional film and the outside film for holding fluid therein.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) The therapeutic appliance according to claim 5, further comprising an additional film on an outside surface of the bag-like element, and wherein said additional film defines a space between the additional film and the outside film for holding fluid therein.